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In re the application of:

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Application No: 10/608,871

Filed: June 27, 2003

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
REMOVING A TARGET LAYER FROM
A SUBSTRATE USING REACTIVE
GASES

Examiner: STINSON, F.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 27, 2006, the Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the Species of Figure 3B to prosecute in the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-23, 25-32 and 34-37 read on this species. The Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected species.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this matter, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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